

# **Revised** Funding Commitment Decision Letter

### **Funding Year 2016**

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### **Totals**

Original Commitment Amount	\$23,568.78
Revised Commitment Amount	\$0.00

## What is in this letter?

Thank you for submitting your post-commitment request for Funding Year 2016 Schools and Libraries Program (E-rate) funding. Attached to this letter, you will find the revised funding statuses and/or post commitment changes to the original Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) you received. Below are the changes that were made:

- Appeals
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The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is providing this information to both the applicant(s) and the service provider(s) so that all parties are aware of the post-commitment changes related to their funding requests and can work together to complete the funding process for these requests.

## **Next Steps**



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File the FCC Form 486, Service Confirmation and Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
 Certification Form, for any FRNs included in this RFCDL, if you have not already done so. Please
 review the CIPA requirements and file the form(s).

- If USAC approved funding on an FRN in your original FCDL, the deadline to submit the FCC Form 486 is 120 days from the date of the original FCDL or from the service start date (whichever is later).
- If a new FRN was created for this RFCDL or funding was not approved on an FRN in your original FCDL but is approved in this RFCDL, the deadline to submit the FCC Form 486 is 120 days from the date of this RFCDL or from the service start date (whichever is later).
- 2. **Invoice USAC**, if you or your service provider have not already done so. Work with your service provider(s) to determine if your bills will be discounted or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full.
  - If you (the applicant) are invoicing USAC: You must pay your service provider(s) the full cost for the services you receive and file the <a href="FCC Form 472">FCC Form 472</a>, the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) Form, to invoice USAC for reimbursement of the discounted amount.
  - If your service provider(s) is invoicing USAC: The service provider(s) must provide services, bill the applicant for the non-discounted share, and file the <u>FCC Form 474</u>, the Service Provider Invoice (SPI) form, to invoice USAC for reimbursement for the discounted portion of costs.
     Every funding year, service providers must file an <u>FCC Form 473</u>, the Service Provider Annual Certification Form, to be able to submit invoices and to receive disbursements.
  - To receive an invoice deadline extension, the applicant or service provider must request an
    extension on or before the last date to invoice. If you anticipate, for any reason, that invoices
    cannot be filed on time, USAC will grant a one-time, 120-day invoice deadline extension if
    timely requested.

## How to Appeal or Request a Waiver of a Decision

You can appeal or request a waiver of a decision in this letter **within 60 calendar days** of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this deadline will result in an automatic dismissal of your appeal or waiver request.

**Note:** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will not accept appeals of USAC decisions that have not first been appealed to USAC. However, if you are seeking a waiver of E-rate program rules, you must submit your request to the FCC and not to USAC. USAC is not able to waive the E-rate program rules.

To submit your appeal to USAC, visit the Appeals section in the <u>E-rate Productivity Center (EPC)</u> and provide the required information. USAC will reply to your appeal submissions to confirm receipt. Visit USAC's <u>website</u> for additional information on submitting an appeal to USAC, including step-by-step instructions.



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• To request a waiver of the FCC's rules or appeal USAC's appeal decision, please submit it to the FCC in proceeding number CC Docket No. 02-6 using the <u>Electronic Comment Filing System</u> (ECFS). Include your contact information, a statement that your filing is a waiver request, identifying information, the FCC rule(s) for which you are seeking a waiver, a full description of the relevant facts that you believe support your waiver request and any related relief, and any supporting documentation.

For appeals to USAC or to the FCC, be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation, and provide a copy to the affected service provider(s).

## **Obligation to Pay Non-Discount Portion**

Applicants are required to pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the eligible products and/or services to their service providers. Service providers are required to bill applicants for the non-discount portion of costs for the eligible products and/or services. The FCC stated that requiring applicants to pay the non-discounted share of costs ensures efficiency and accountability in the program. If using the BEAR invoicing method, the applicant must pay the service provider in full (the non-discount plus discount portion) **before** seeking reimbursement from USAC. If using the SPI invoicing method, the service provider must first bill the applicant **before** invoicing USAC.

## **Notice on Rules and Funds Availability**

The applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Program and the FCC's rules. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that USAC and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with such requirements. USAC may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by USAC, the applicant, or the service provider. USAC, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds.



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# **Revised** Funding Commitment Decision Overview

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Funding Request Number (FRN)	Service Provider Name	Request Type	Revised Committed	Review Status
1699118816	AT&T Mobility	Appeals	\$0.00	Denied
1699118787	Plateau Telecommunications, Inc	Appeals	\$0.00	Denied
1699118750	Plateau Telecommunications, Inc	Appeals	\$0.00	Denied



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Post Commitment Request Number:	Post Commitment Request Type:	Post Commitment Decision:
122082	Appeals	Denied

FRN:	Service Type:	Original Status:	Revised Status:
1699118816	Voice	Funded	Funded
FCC Form 471: 161051840			

Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-Time Cost	
Months of Service	0		
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$0.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$0.00
Total Pre-Discount Charges		\$0.00	
Discount Rate		50.00%	
Revised Committed Amount		\$0.00	

Dates	
Service Start Date	10/8/2017
Contract Expiration Date	6/30/2017
Contract Award Date	
Service Delivery Deadline	6/30/2017
Expiration Date (All Extensions)	

Service Provider and Contract Information		
Service Provider AT&T Mobility		
SPIN (498ID) <b>143025240</b>		
Contract Number		
Account Number 287267181085		
Establishing FCC Form 470 <b>160036737</b>		

Consultant Information	
Consultant Name	
Consultant's Employer	
CRN	

### **Revised Funding Commitment Decision Comments:**

### **Post Commitment Rationale:**

Your FCC Form 486 was not filed within 120 days calculated from October 24, 2016, the date of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter. Your FCC Form 486 was filed and certified on February 5, 2018 which is after the deadline date. Consequently, the SSD was revised to October 8, 2017, 120 days before the FCC Form 486 certified date. If the funding commitment includes recurring charges then the funding commitment was reduced accordingly. Extensions of the FCC Form 486 filing deadline may only be granted on appeal if the FCC Form 486 was filed on or before 120 days after the last day to receive services for the FRN and good cause has been demonstrated justifying the late submission of the FCC Form 486. USAC has determined that your FCC Form 486 was not filed on or before 120 days after the last date to receive service of June 30, 2017. As a result, your appeal is denied. FCC rules require



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applicants to use recurring services within the relevant funding year and to implement non-recurring services by the applicable deadline established by the Commission. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.507(d). The FCC Form 486 informs USAC when the applicant is scheduled to receive or has received services in the relevant funding year from the named service provider. The receipt of a properly completed FCC Form 486 triggers the process for USAC to receive invoices. In order for an applicant to receive discounts retroactively to the SSD, the FCC Form 486 should be filed no later than 120 days after the last date to receive service for the FRN. When an applicant has missed a deadline to file its FCC Form 486, it is given an additional 15 calendar days from the date of receipt of USAC's written notice to file or amend its FCC Form 486 and receive services retroactively to the SSD. See Requests for Review and Waiver of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Alaska Gateway School District, Tok, Alaska, et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, File Nos. SLD-412028, et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, DA 06-1871, para. 8 (rel. Sep. 14, 2006). If an applicant misses the new deadline, appeals of USAC's decision denying or reducing funding for late filed FCC Forms 486 may only be granted if the FCC Form 486 was filed no later than 120 days after the last date to receive the service requested in the FRN and the applicant has demonstrated good cause justifying the late submission. See Requests for Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Archdiocese of New Orleans, Louisiana et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, DA 16-1205, para. 1 (rel. Oct. 20, 2016).



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Post Commitment Request Number:	Post Commitment Request Type:	Post Commitment Decision:
122082	Appeals	Denied

FRN:	Service Type:	Original Status:	Revised Status:
1699118787	Voice	Funded	Funded
FCC Form 471: 161051840			

Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-Time Cost	
Months of Service	0		
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$0.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$0.00
Total Pre-D	iscount Charges	\$0.00	
Discount Rate		50.00%	
Revised Com	mitted Amount	\$0.00	

Dates	
Service Start Date	10/8/2017
Contract Expiration Date	6/30/2017
Contract Award Date	
Service Delivery Deadline	6/30/2017
Expiration Date (All Extensions)	

Service Provider and Contract Information	
	Plateau
Service Provider	Telecommunications,
	Inc
SPIN (498ID)	143004077
Contract Number	
Account Number	5754613910
Establishing FCC Form 470	160036737

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120 days after the last date to receive service of June 30, 2017. As a result, your appeal is denied. FCC rules require applicants to use recurring services within the relevant funding year and to implement non-recurring services by the applicable deadline established by the Commission. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.507(d). The FCC Form 486 informs USAC when the applicant is scheduled to receive or has received services in the relevant funding year from the named service provider. The receipt of a properly completed FCC Form 486 triggers the process for USAC to receive invoices. In order for an applicant to receive discounts retroactively to the SSD, the FCC Form 486 should be filed no later than 120 days after the last date to receive service for the FRN. When an applicant has missed a deadline to file its FCC Form 486, it is given an additional 15 calendar days from the date of receipt of USAC's written notice to file or amend its FCC Form 486 and receive services retroactively to the SSD. See Requests for Review and Waiver of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Alaska Gateway School District, Tok, Alaska, et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, File Nos. SLD-412028, et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, DA 06-1871, para. 8 (rel. Sep. 14, 2006). If an applicant misses the new deadline, appeals of USAC's decision denying or reducing funding for late filed FCC Forms 486 may only be granted if the FCC Form 486 was filed no later than 120 days after the last date to receive the service requested in the FRN and the applicant has demonstrated good cause justifying the late submission. See Requests for Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Archdiocese of New Orleans, Louisiana et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, DA 16-1205, para. 1 (rel. Oct. 20, 2016).



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122082	Appeals	Denied

FRN:	Service Type: Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Original Status:	Revised Status:
1699118750		Funded	Funded
FCC Form 471: 161051840			

Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-Time Cost	
Months of Service	0		
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$0.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$0.00
Total Pre-Discount Charges		\$0.00	
Discount Rate		90.00%	
Revised Committed Amount		\$0.00	

Dates	
Service Start Date	10/8/2017
Contract Expiration Date	6/30/2017
Contract Award Date	
Service Delivery Deadline	6/30/2017
Expiration Date (All Extensions)	

Service Provider and Contract Information	
	Plateau
Service Provider	Telecommunications,
	Inc
SPIN (498ID)	143004077
Contract Number	
Account Number	00002396778
Establishing FCC Form 470	160036737

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